

She has a bad temper and is quarrelsome with children, and sometimes I have had to use the rod. She is not apt in learning her book or employments, and it is very hard to make her understand that which is most useful to her. She has improved since she has been with me, for when she left the Refuge she did not know all the letters of the alphabet. She has now spelled through the spelling book several times, and can read a little, but is very slow in pronouncing words of more than one syllable. I have been learning her to write, but her progress is very slow. She is as obedient, truthful and industrious as most children of her age.

The last question is hard for me to answer, for there are so many snares whereby the young are led astray, that I cannot at this time give you a definite answer, but I shall endeavor to do my duty towards her to the best of my knowledge, and it is my wish that she will make a good and useful woman, and be an ornament to her guardians and the institution from which she was received.

M. G. S.

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DEAR SIR:—E—— S—— is still with me, and her general health is very good. She attends Sabbath School regularly, and as she is taught at home, day school only occasionally, but church regularly. Her moral disposition and habits are very good. Her aptness at employments very good but rather slow at her books. Her general character for industry, application, obedience and truthfulness is good, and she has improved very much in every respect. I consider E—— a good child. She is attached to my family, which attachment is reciprocated by them—nothing could induce her to leave us. She is cheerful and happy, and bids fair to be a useful and good woman, and hence I feel an obligation to do a good part by her. She is just beginning to write.

Very respectfully,

W. B. C.